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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 12002

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PDEV, IS, JO  
SUBJECT: WEST BANK SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

REF: (A) STATE 226472, (B) JERUSALEM 2455

1. EMBOFF COFTACTED SPOKESMAN OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CONCERNING REPORTED CONSTRUCTION BAN ON LAND ADJACENT TO GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENT OF GIVON. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SETTLEMENT REMAINS LIMITED TO CONFINES OF FORMER JORDANIAN MILITARY CAMP AND SAID HE WAS AWARE OF NO PLANS TO EXTEND IT ON TO ADJACENT LAND. SPOKESMAN CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONSTRUCTION BAN ON SURROUNDING LAND, BUT SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND LET US KNOW IF HE LEARNED ANYTHING. FOR MORE INFORMATIVE REPLY, HE SUGGESTED WE CONTACT SPOKESMAN OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHARON. SHARON'S SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, HAD LEFT HIS OFFICE FOR THE WEEKEND. WE WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH HIM ON MONDAY.

2. REGARDING ROI, PLANNING DIRECTOR OF WZO SETTLEMENTS SECTION SHIMON RAVID TOLD US THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO LAND HAS BEEN ADDED TO SETTLEMENT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY NEW CULTIVATION HAD BEGUN, BUT SAID  
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THAT IF SUCH IS TAKING PLACE, IT IS NORMAL AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY. HE WAS AWARE OF POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, BUT CLAIMED THAT UNTIL A CLAIM IS BROUGHT AND SETTLED, THE LAND WAS CONSIDERED PART OF THE SETTLEMENT TO BE USED AS SETTLERS SAW FIT.

3. COMMENT: SUCH BLAND AND UNINFORMATIVE REPLIES WERE TO

BE EXPECTED ON A FRIDAY MORNING WHEN OFFICIALS HAVE ONE  
FOOT OUT THE DOOR AND WHEN PROTECTING SOURCE REQUIRED  
DEGREE OF AMBIGUITY IN PHRASING OF QUESTION. EMBASSY WILL  
ATTEMPT TO ADDUCE FURTHER INFORMATION NEXT WEEK FROM  
JOURNALISTS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER SOURCES.  
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